

CLAIM AMENDMENTS - CLEAN FORM

Please **CANCEL** Claim 51.

Please **AMEND** Claim 49 as follows

49. (AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for selling a product from a vending machine, the product identity being concealed at the time of offer, the processing instructions for directing a computer to perform the steps of:
- maintaining a database of product data, including normal price data and minimum acceptable price data for each of a plurality of products;
 - identifying a monetary value available for purchasing a product;
 - selecting a product from among the plurality of products based on the monetary value and the minimum acceptable price data;
 - outputting via an output device an offer of the product to a consumer;
 - determining whether the consumer accepts the product; and
 - dispensing the product if the consumer accepts the product, thereby revealing the identity of the product to the consumer.

NEW CLAIMS

Please ADD the following new claim:

- Sub B1*
- a2*
52. (NEW) A method for selling from a vending machine, the method comprising:
- receiving currency that represents a first monetary amount;
 - receiving a selection of a first product;
 - determining a price of the first product;
 - determining a demand of the first product;
 - calculating a second monetary amount based on the difference between the first monetary value and the price of the first product.
 - selecting a second product from the plurality of products based on the second monetary value and minimum acceptable price data for the plurality of products;
 - outputting an offer of the selected second product without disclosing the identity of the selected second product;
 - receiving an acceptance of the offer; and
 - dispensing the selected second product.